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Course Description

Session 1: Introduction to Bridge Engineering

June 6, 2016

This session will be a general introduction to bridge engineering with the goal to prepare students for the 8-part course. The session will include a review of basic bridge nomenclature and the various steel bridge superstructure types, bearings, and supporting substructure types. In addition, a brief tutorial on how to read bridge plans will be provided. This will be followed by a detailed look into the various types of framing plans typically used for steel I-girder bridges and a cursory discussion of analysis methods. The session will identify the two major bridge design specifications, AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications and the AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering.

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Learning Objectives

- Become familiar with basic bridge nomenclature including aspects of superstructure, substructure and foundations.
- Gain an understanding of the various types of bridges and the characteristics of each.
- Gain an understanding of the information included in steel bridge construction documents and an in-depth look at various types of framing plans.
- Be introduced to the two major bridge design specifications; AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications and the AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering.

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- **June 6 - Session 1: Introduction to Bridge Engineering**
- June 13 - Session 2: Introduction and History of AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications
- June 20 - Session 3: Steel Material Properties
- June 27 - Session 4: Loads and Analysis
- July 11 - Session 5: Steel Bridge Fabrication
- July 18 - Session 6: Plate Girder Design and Stability
- July 25 - Session 7: Effects of Curvature and Skew
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Session 1

- **Introduction to Bridge Engineering**
  - Bridge Nomenclature
  - Types of Bridges
  - Girder Bridge Superstructures
  - Substructures
  - Bridge Plan Set Organization and Content
  - I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans
  - Analysis Methods
  - Design Codes

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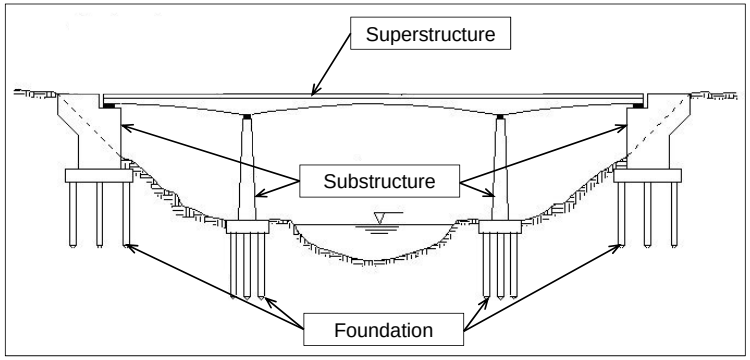
Bridge Nomenclature

Main Elements of a Bridge



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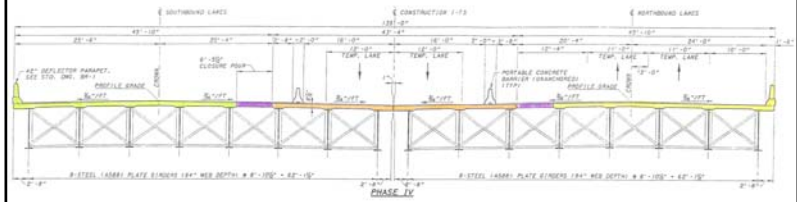
Superstructure

- **Everything Above the Substructure**



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Superstructure

- **Everything Above the Substructure**
  - Barriers, Medians, Sidewalks
  - Wearing Surfaces
  - Deck
  - Deck Forms
  - Girders
  - Cross Frames, Diaphragms, Lateral Bracing
  - Bearings

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Superstructure

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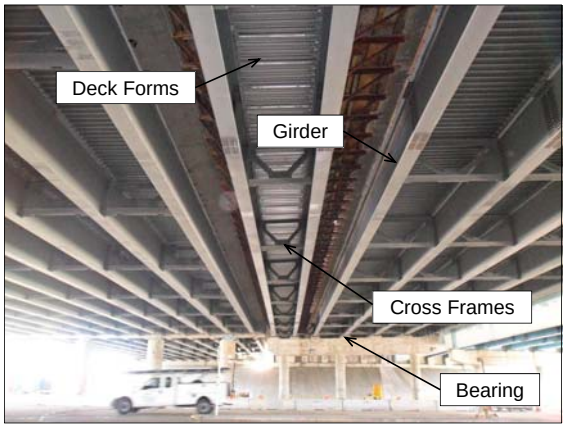

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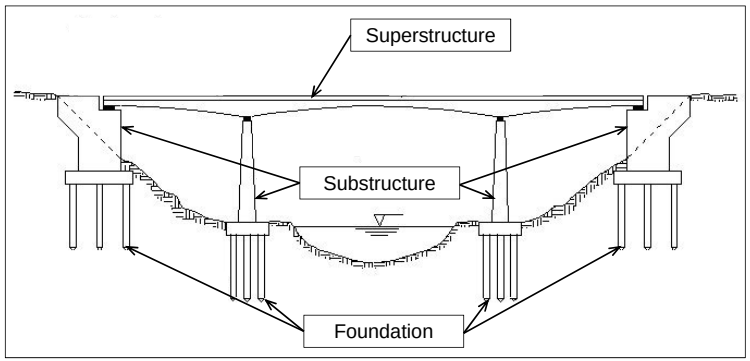

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Substructure

- **Everything Below the Superstructure and Above the Ground**
  - Abutments/End Bents
  - Piers/Bents
  - Pier/Bent Caps
  - Columns

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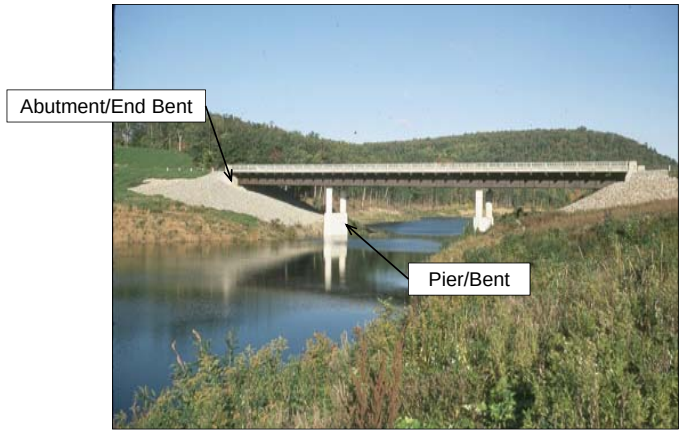
Substructure



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Substructure

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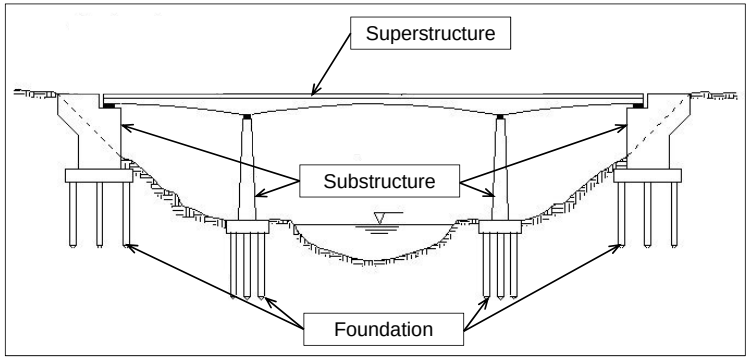

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Foundations

- **Everything Below the Ground**
  - Footings
    - Pile Caps
    - Spread Footings
  - Drilled Shafts
  - Piles

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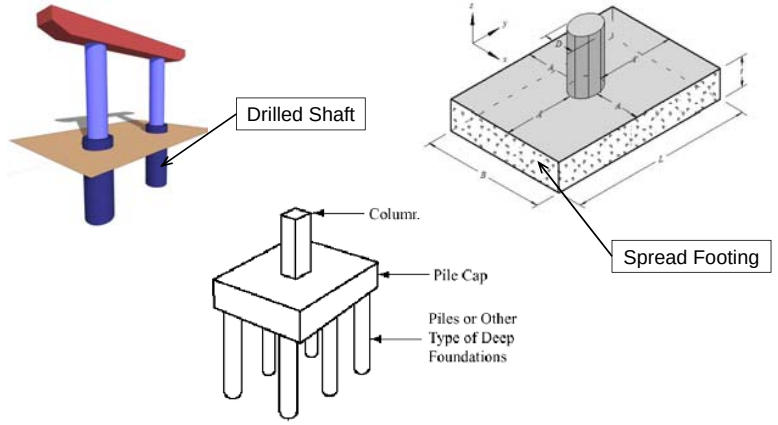
Foundations



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Other Bridge Nomenclature

- Joints
- Approach Slab
- Slope Protection
- Wingwalls

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Types of Bridges

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Deck Arch

- Generally true arch
- Entire arch located below the deck
- Generally used in deep valleys with steep walls
- May use half-through arch to keep bearings above high water elevations

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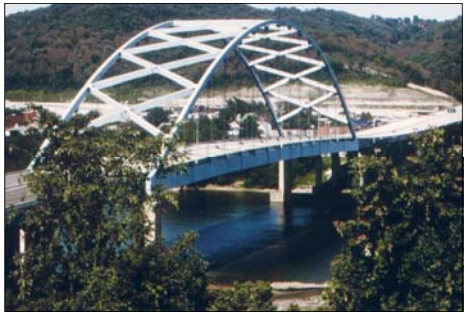
Through Arch

- Generally tied arch
- Often used when underclearance is limited
- Effective where deep foundations are required
- Above-deck portion of half-through arch can be a tied arch



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Partial Through Arch

- Can be either true or tied arch

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Deck Truss

- Entire truss is below the bridge deck
- Floorbeams frame into top chord or rest on top
- Truss spacing closer than for through truss
  - Reduces length/cost of lateral bracing / sway bracing systems
- Easier to widen in the future

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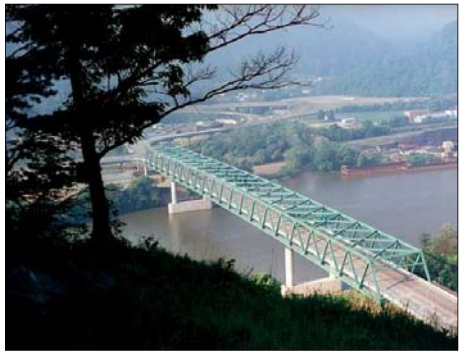
Through Truss

- Deck runs between trusses close to bottom chords
- Desirable when vertical clearance is limited
- Sidewalk can be inside or outside trusses



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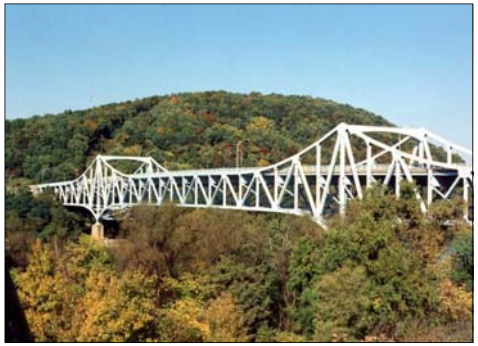
Partial Through Truss

- Similar constraints to through trusses
- Truss type needs to have vertical members
- All sway bracing stays below the bridge deck



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Cable Stayed Bridges

- Tall towers
- Stay cables carry deck loads back to towers
- Stay cables attached to edge girders

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Suspension Bridges

- Main cables outside the edges of deck and draped over towers in saddles
- Vertical cables support deck at relatively short intervals
- Very light superstructure
- Appropriate for spans >3000'

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Through Girder Bridges

- Main support girders located outside the deck
- Useful where vertical clearance is limited and heavy loads are anticipated
- Common superstructure type for Railroad Bridges

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Deck Girder Bridges

- Common superstructure type for highway bridges
  - Girder/Beam Bridges
  - Floorbeam/Substringer Bridges

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Deck Girder Bridges: Girder/Beam Bridges

- Versatile shapes and configurations

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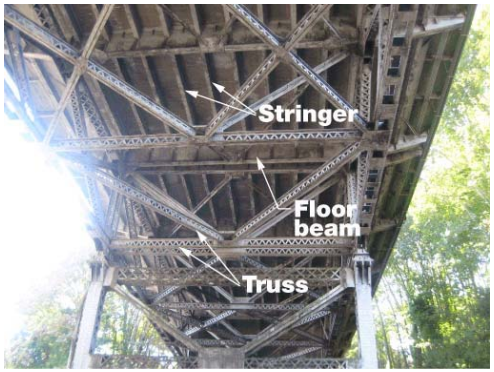
Deck Girder Bridges: Floorbeam/Substringer Bridges

- Stiff systems
- Capable of carrying heavy loads
- Often used in Railroad bridges



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Girder Bridge Superstructures

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Barriers

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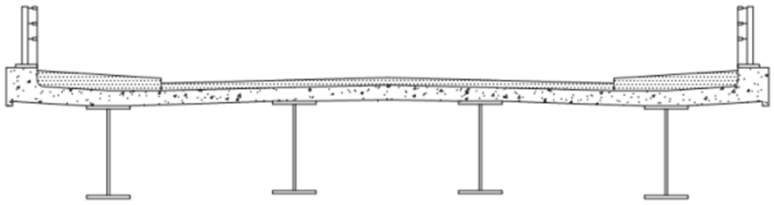
Decks

- Provide lateral stiffness to the superstructure



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Future Wearing Surfaces

- Provides a smooth riding surface on older/damaged decks

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Deck Forms

- Provides formwork for cast in place deck
- Can be stay in place or removable

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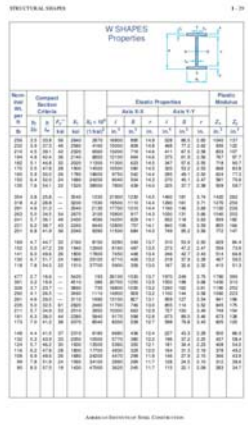
I-Girders: Rolled Beams

- Efficient for shorter spans
- Limited sizes and shapes



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I-Girders: Plate Girders

- Deep girders can span very long distances
- Vast range of sizes and shapes

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Box Girders

- Box section efficiently resists torsion effects
- Vast range of sizes and shapes

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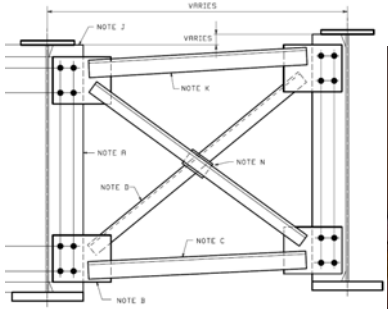
Cross Frames

- Used on steel girder bridges to provide torsional stiffness during construction and in the final condition



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Diaphragms

- Similar to cross frames: provide torsional stiffness during construction and in the final condition
- Typically used on shallow beams

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Lateral Bracing

- Used to provide lateral stiffness and limit lateral deflections

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Bearings

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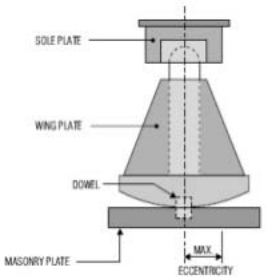
Bearings: Rocker Bearings



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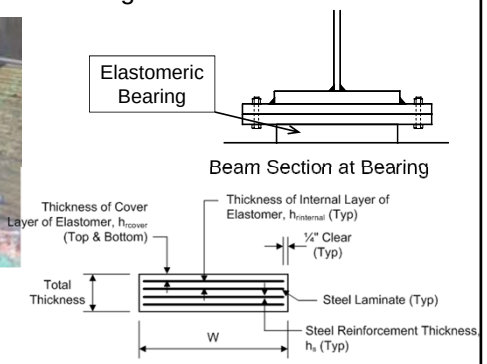
Bearings: Elastomeric Bearings

- Common and economical bearing



Steel Reinforced Elastomeric Bearing

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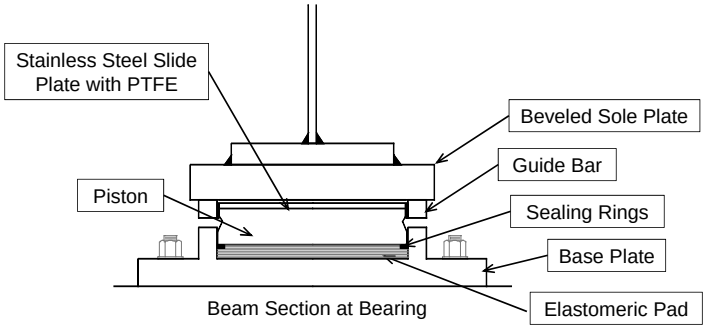
Bearings: Pot Bearings

- Allows for high loads, large movement, and moderate rotations



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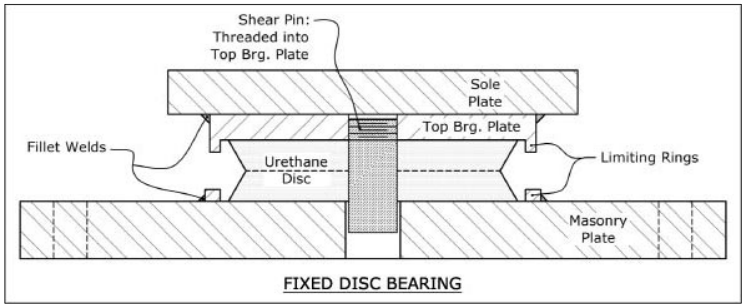
Bearings: Disc Bearings

- Allows for high loads, large movement, and moderate rotations



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Bearings: Disc and Pot Bearings

Disc Bearing **Pot Bearing**

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Bearings: Disc Bearings

Guided Bearing

Non- Guided Bearing

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Bearings: Roller Bearings

- Accommodates heavy loads, large movement, and minimal rotations

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Substructures

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Abutments

- Where the roadway ends and the bridge begins

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Abutments

Independent Backwall

Integral

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Multicolumn Piers

- Pier cap supported by columns

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Single Column Piers

- Aesthetically pleasing

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Integral Piers

- Useful when vertical clearance constraints exist

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Bridge Plan Set Organization and Content

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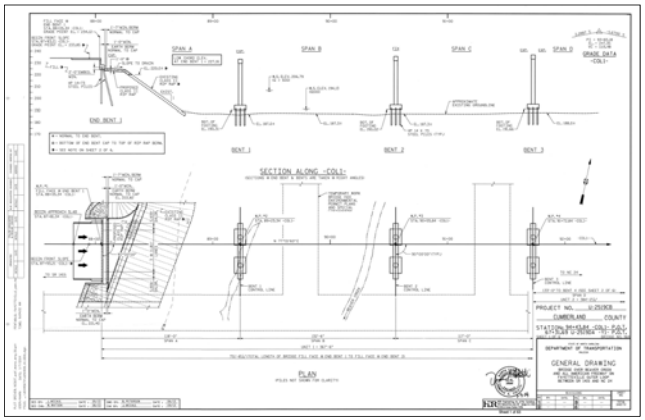
Plan and Elevation



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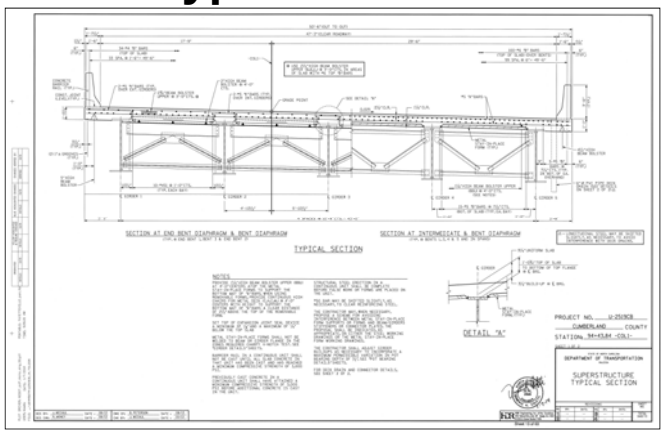

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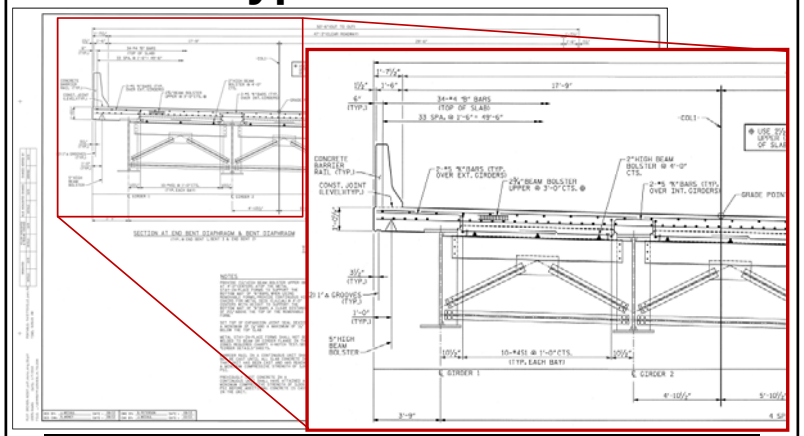

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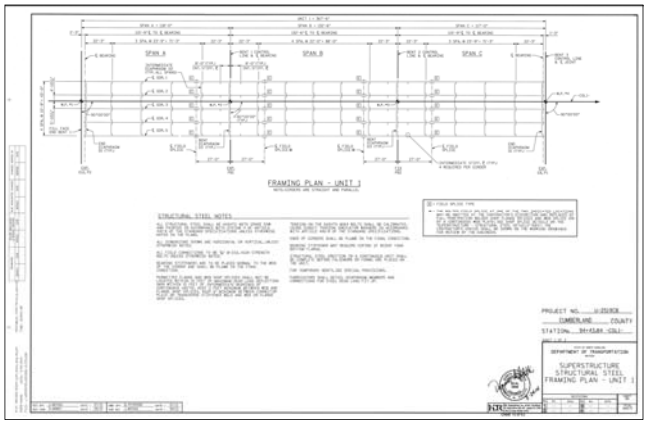

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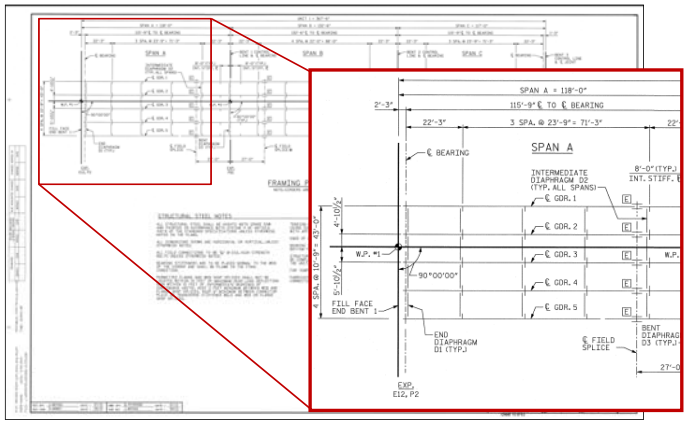

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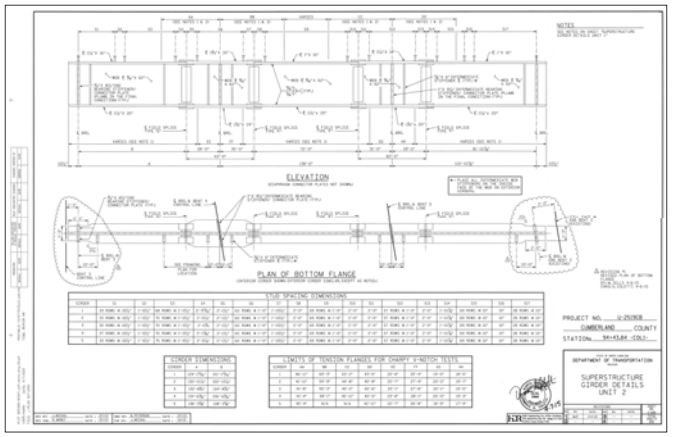

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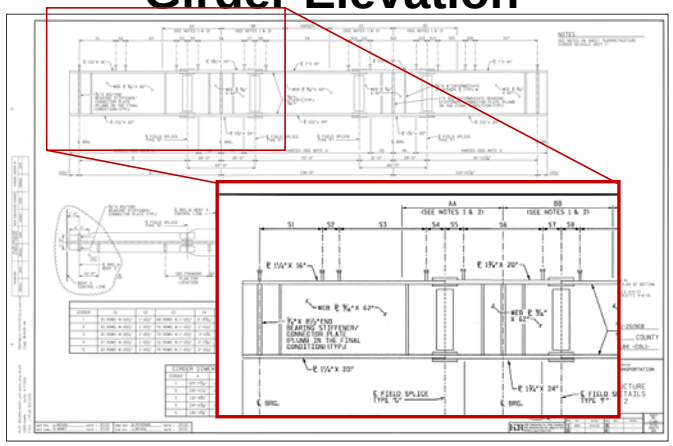

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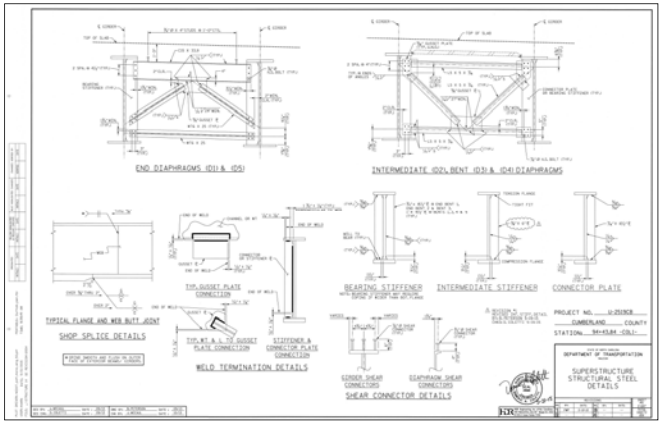

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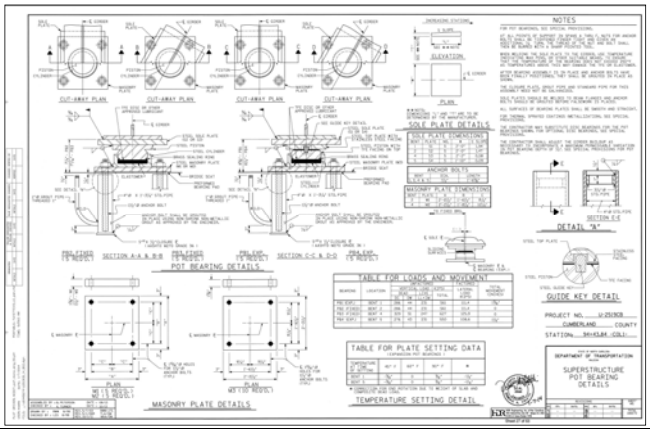

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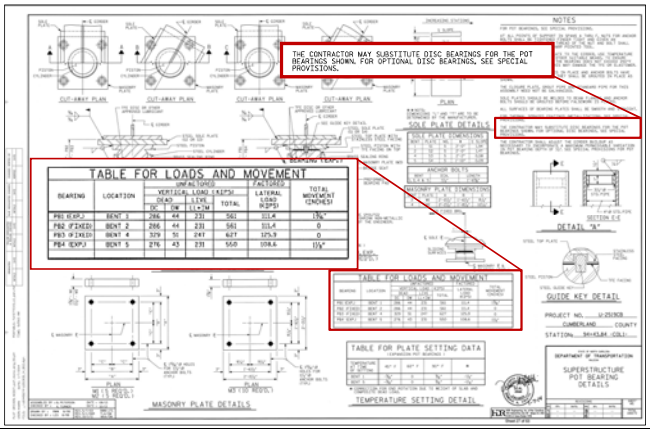

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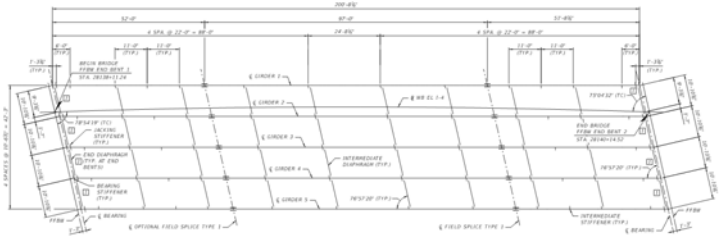
I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans

- Framing Plans show identification, geometry and arrangement of:
  - Girders
  - Cross-frames
  - Supports (Abutments, Piers, Bearings)
  - Field Splices
  - Stiffeners

I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans

- Straight girders



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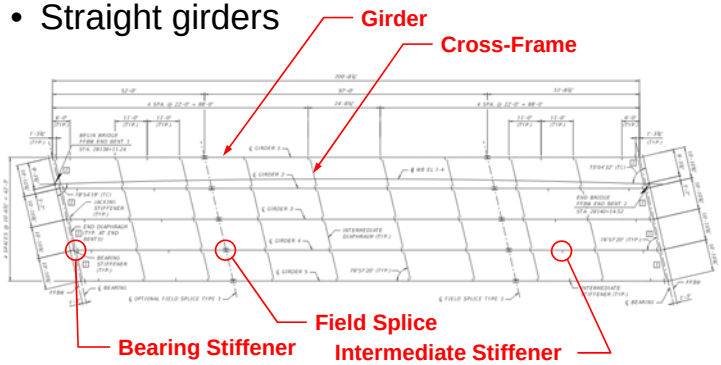

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- Straight girders

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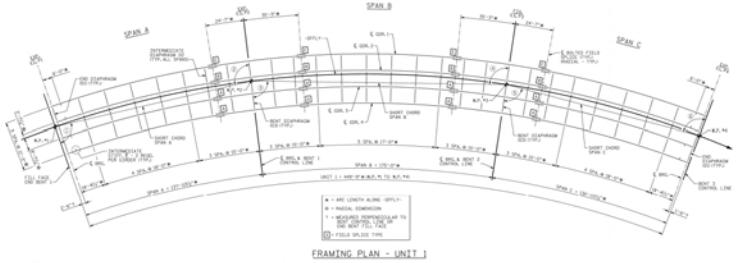
- Curved girders



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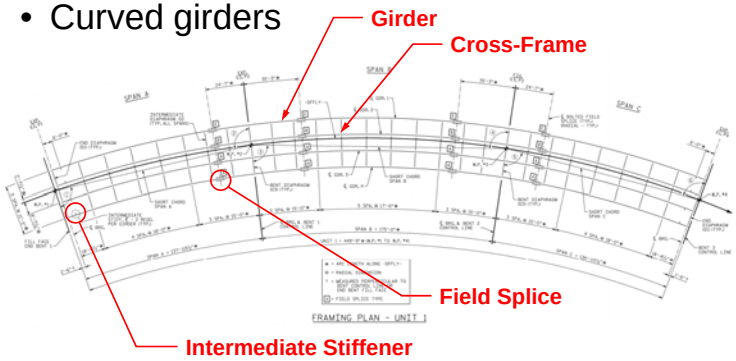

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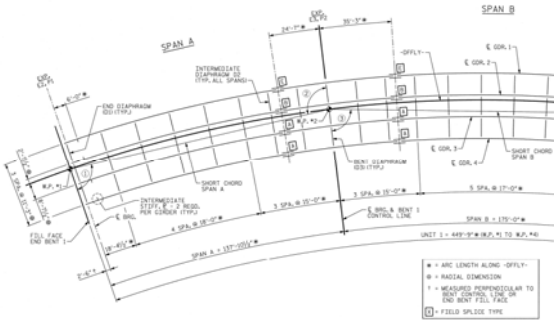
I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans

- Radial / normal supports



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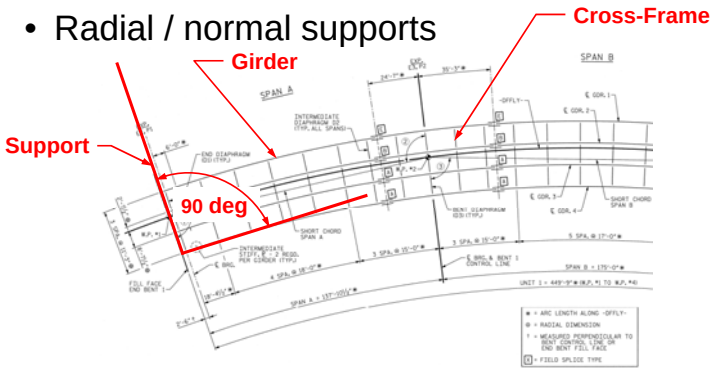

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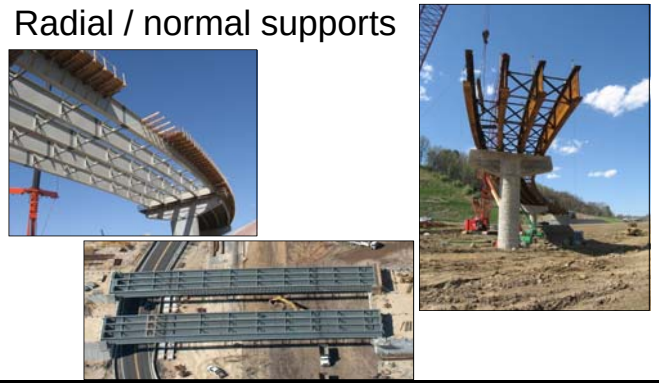

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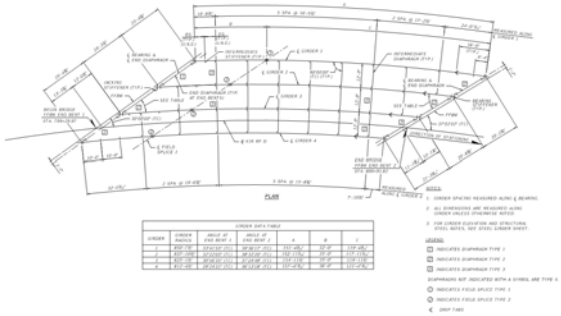
- Skewed supports



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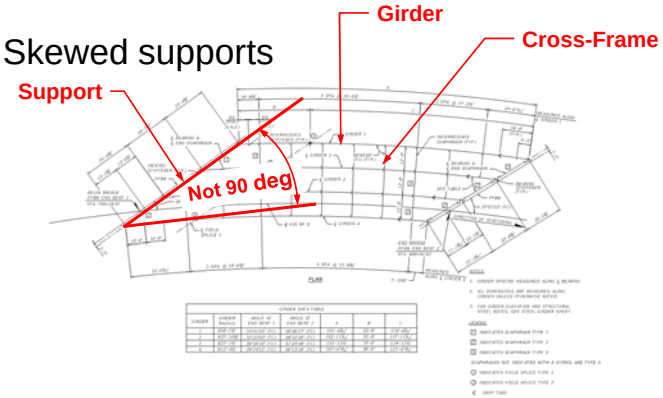

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I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans

- Skewed supports

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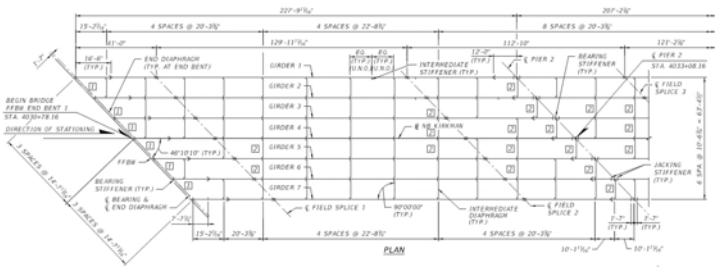
- Parallel girders



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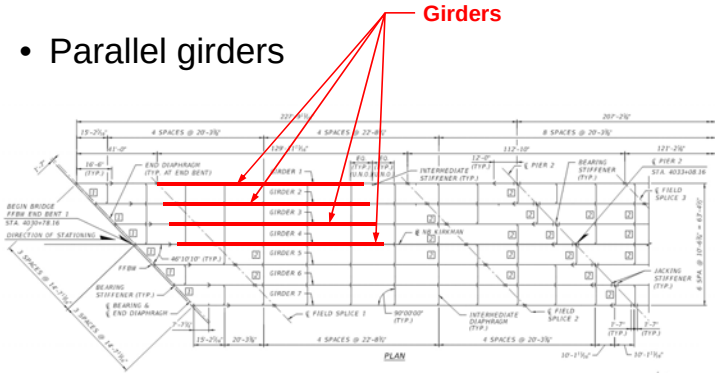

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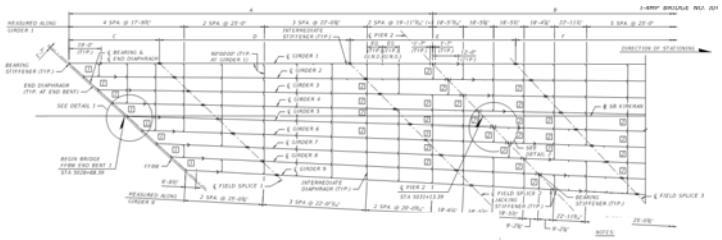

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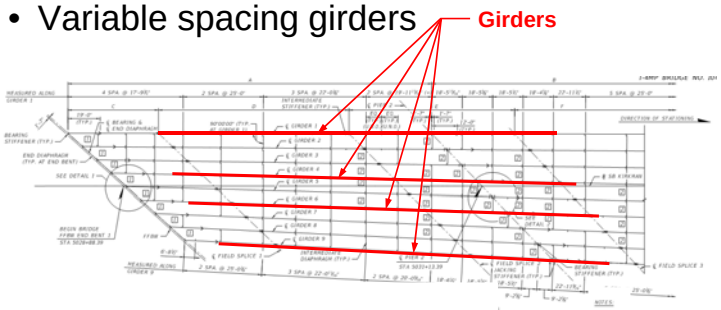

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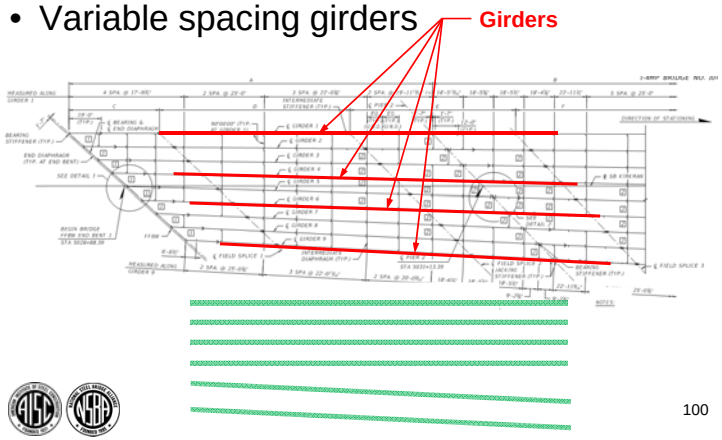

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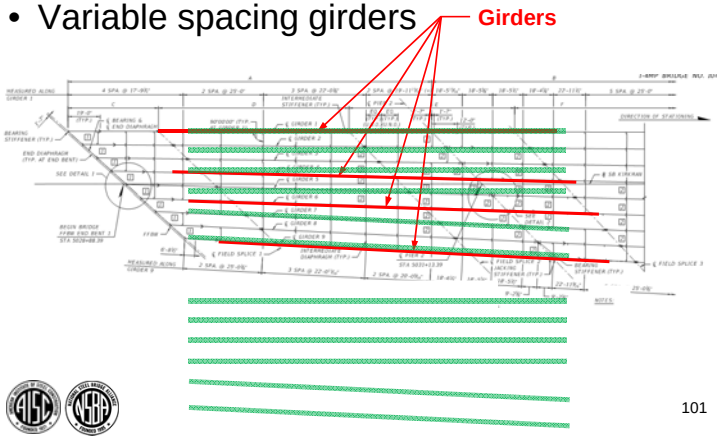

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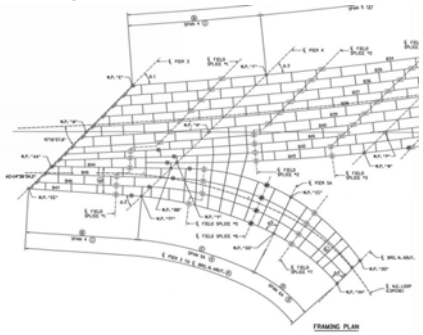
- Bifurcated girders



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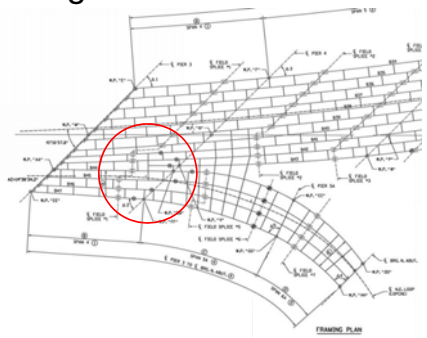

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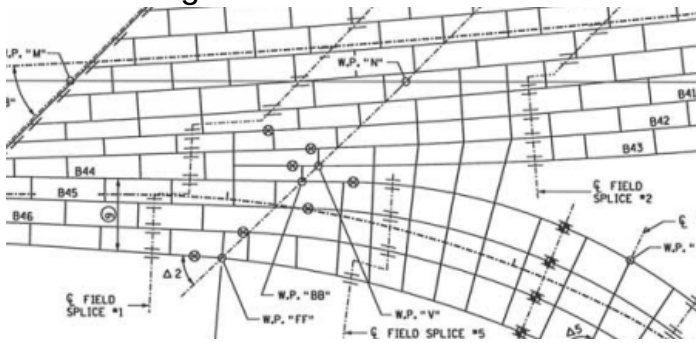

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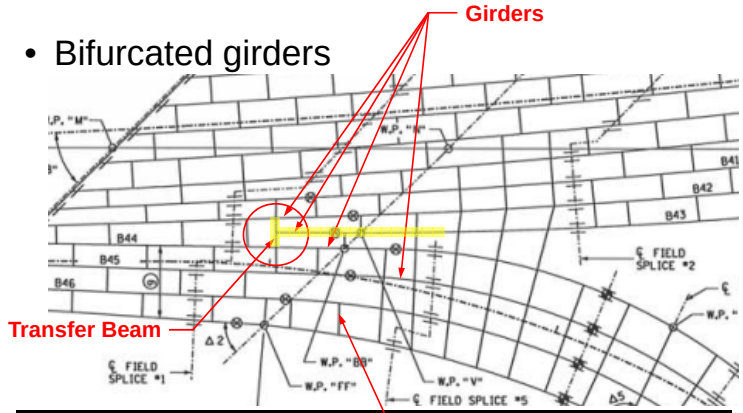

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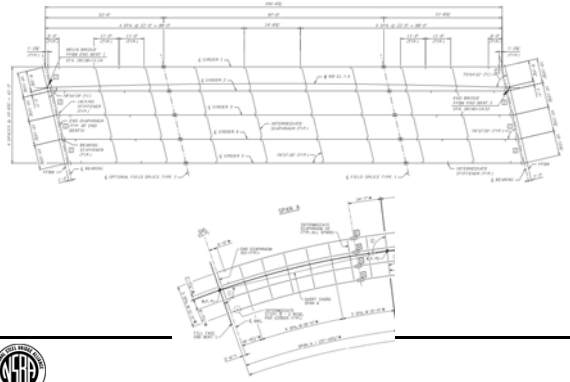
- Contiguous cross-frames



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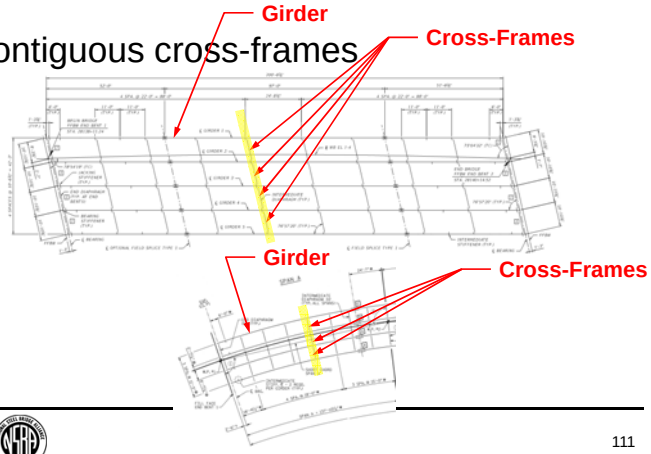

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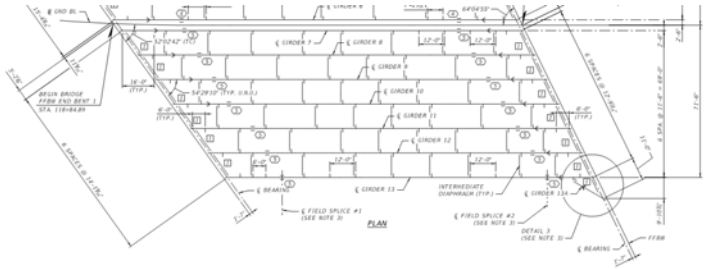
- Staggered cross-frames



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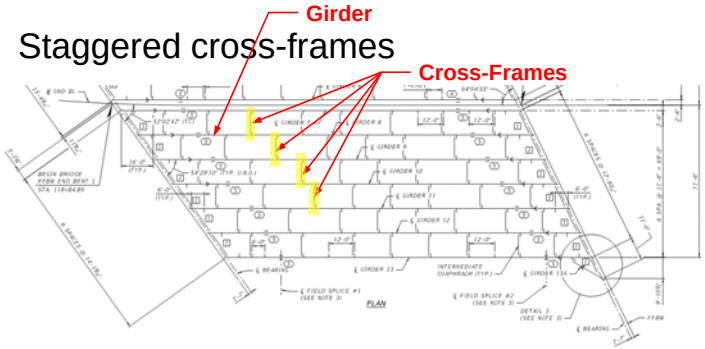

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- Staggered cross-frames

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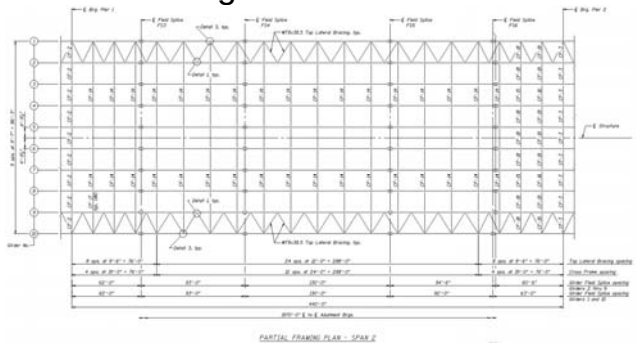
- Lateral bracing



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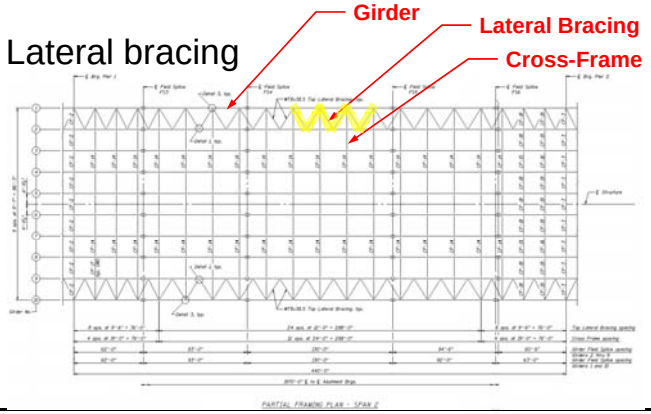

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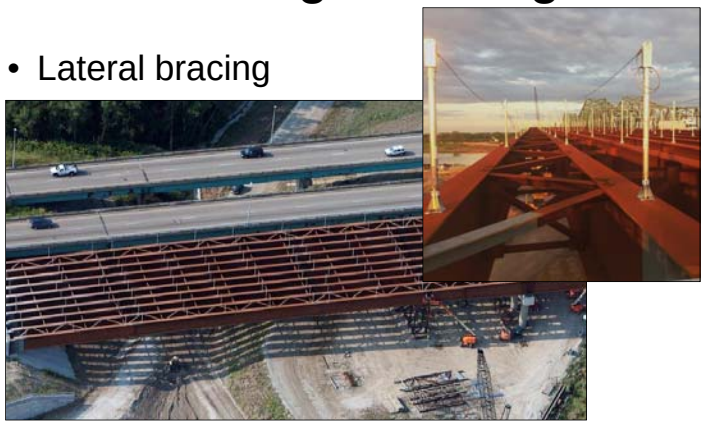

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Presentation Poll 5

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Analysis Methods

- Line girder analysis (“1D”)
- Refined analysis (“2D” and “3D”)

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Analysis Methods

- Line Girder Analysis
  - Considers girder only
  - No recognition of system behavior
  - Appropriate for final design of simple bridges
  - Appropriate for preliminary design and validation of complex bridges, with caveats

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Analysis Methods

- Refined analysis methods
  - 2D Grid Analysis
  - 2D Plate & Eccentric Beam Analysis
  - 3D FEM Analysis

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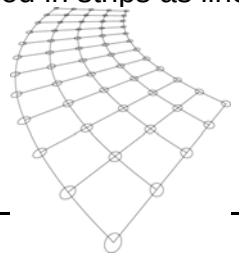
Analysis Methods

- 2D Grid Analysis
  - Girders modeled as line elements
  - Diaphragms modeled as line elements
  - Deck modeled in strips as line elements



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Analysis Methods

- 2D Plate & Eccentric Beam Analysis
  - Variant of 2D grid analysis
  - Deck modeled with plate or shell elements

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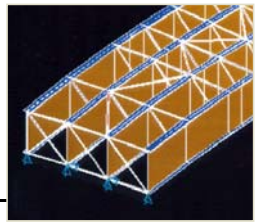
Analysis Methods

- 3D FEM Analysis
  - Flanges: beam or plate elements
  - Webs: plate elements
  - Diaphragms, bracing: truss or plate elements
  - Deck: solid or plate elements



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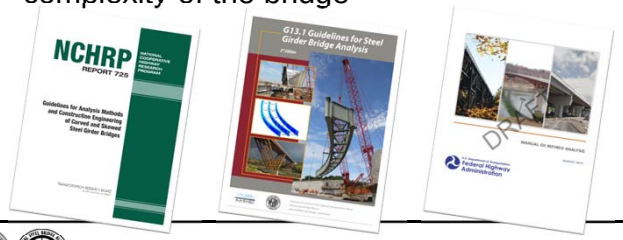
Analysis Methods

- Which should you use?
  - "It depends…"
  - Analysis method should be appropriate for the complexity of the bridge



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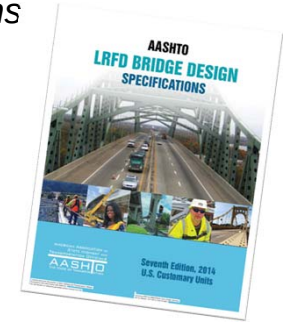
Design Codes

- AASHTO *LRFD Bridge Design Specifications*



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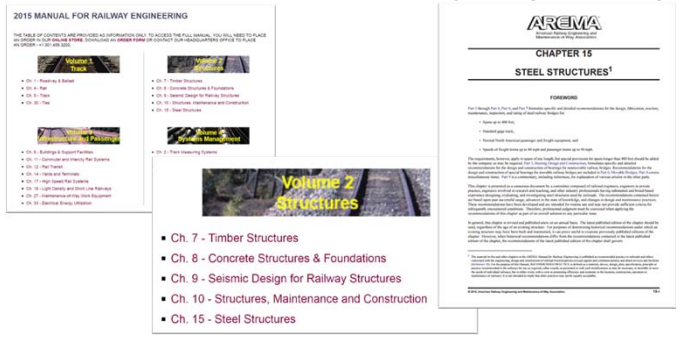
- AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering



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Session 1 Recap

- **Introduction to Bridge Engineering**
  - Bridge Nomenclature
  - Types of Bridges
  - Girder Bridge Superstructures
  - Substructures
  - Bridge Plan Set Organization and Content
  - I-Girder Bridge Framing Plans
  - Analysis Methods
  - Design Codes

Questions?

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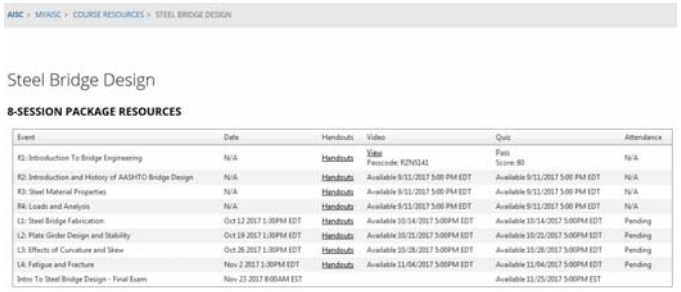

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